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# Surplus Butter Sales

Q. Is the United States planning to sell subsidized, surplus butter to the USSR and Eastern Europe (Washington Post, May 8)?

A. The question of how to dispose of the Commodity Credit Corporation's surplus butter stock is under interagency review. There has been no final decision. The State Department has neither approved nor disapproved any particular plan.

~~Background~~:

The State Department shares USDA's concern that an acceptable way be found to reduce the large CCC butter inventory. Exporting the butter poses trade policy questions. The State Department is working with other concerned agencies to find a solution.

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